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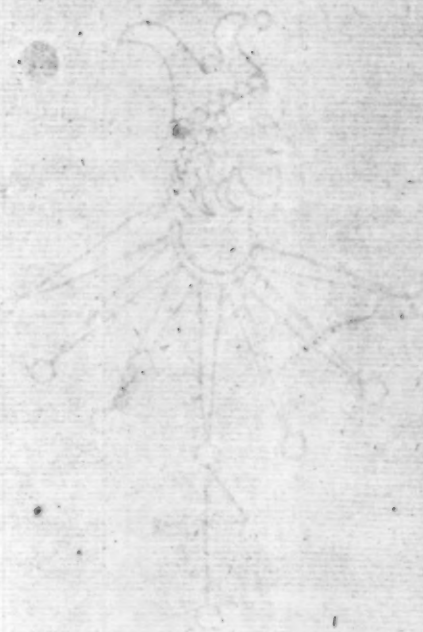
diſhearten Our Friends that relie upon Us; for this ſingle Reaſon therefore, I think fit to appoint a Day for your Meeting again in *April*; and having thus let you ſee My care of you, in relation to Affairs abroad, I muſt obſerve to you, That the Diſtractions and Jealouſies at Home are of ſuch a nature, and ſo heightened and improved by the Malice and Induſtry of Ill men, that I am unalterably of Opinion, that a longer interval of Parliament will be abſolutely neceſſary for compoſing and quieting of Mens minds; in order to which, I am afraid the moſt proper Remedies would prove ineffectual, without the aſſiſtance of ſome farther time.

I do therefore Reſolve, That from the Day whereon you are to Meet in *April*, there ſhall be a farther Prorogation, unleſs the Condition of Our Allyes abroad do then require Our immediate Aſſiſtance.

And now, my Lord Chancellor, do as I have directed you.

Whereupon his Lordſhip ſaid,

My Lords, and you the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes of the Houſe of Commons, His Majeſties Royal Will and Pleaſure is, That this Parliament be Prorogued to Thurſday *the 15th day of* April *next enſuing, and accordingly this Parliament is Prorogued to the 15th day of* April *next.*

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